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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on Mar 23, 2001

2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1-14 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.

11) The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) approved b) disapproved.

12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

13) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

a) All b) Some* c) None of:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

14) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

15) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

18) Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____

16) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

19) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

17) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). 5

20) Other: _____

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371© of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

2. Claims 1 and 8, are rejected under 35 U.S.C 102(e) as being anticipated by Tanaka et al.

(US PAT: 6,243,442 B1, filed 12-19-1997, hereinafter Tanaka).

Regarding claim 1, Tanaka discloses a method for processing an emergency call made from behind a PBX/MLTS, the method comprising the steps of: within the PBX/MLTS determining whether the dialed digits represent an emergency number (fig. 4, col. 10 lines 14-30), assigning priority (fig. 6 col. 10 lines 8-13) within the PBX/MLTS to call determined to be an emergency call (col. 10 lines 63-67, col. 11 lines 1-67, col. 12 lines 1-35).

Regarding claim 8, Tanaka further discloses an apparatus (fig. 4) for processing an emergency call made from behind PBX/MLTS for determining whether dialed digits represent an emergency number (fig. 4, col. 10 lines 14-30), means for assigning priority (fig. 6, col. 10 lines 8-13) within the PBX/MLTS to a call determined to be an emergency call (fig. 7 col. 10 lines 48-67, col. 11 lines 1-67, col. 12 lines 1-35).

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 2-7 and 9-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tanaka in view of Hoskinson et al. (US PAT: 5,339,351, hereinafter Hoskinson).

Regarding claims 2-3, 9-10, Tanaka teaches the following: storing a port number for each device/trunk in the PBX/MLTS and determining from which port the emergency call originated (col. 9 lines 63-67, col. 10 lines 1-30); but he does not teach the following: associating an emergency location identification number (ELIN) with each port equipment number, and transmitting to a public safety answering point the ELIN associated with the port from which the emergency call originated.

However, Hoskinson discloses a emergency response system which teaches the following: associating an emergency location identification number (ELIN) with each port equipment number, and transmitting to a public safety answering point (reads on emergency response center 23 in fig. 1) the ELIN associated with the port from which the emergency call originated (col. 7 lines 18-20, fig. 3 col. 7 lines 56-68, col. 8 lines 1-4).

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time invention was made to modify Tanaka's system to provide for the following: associating an emergency

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location identification number (ELIN) with each port equipment number, and transmitting to a public safety answering point the ELIN associated with the port from which the emergency call originated as this arrangement would enable the operator at the emergency response center to dispatch necessary help to the emergency caller as is well known in the art.

Regarding claims 4-7, 11-14, Tanaka teaches the following: storing a port number for each device/trunk in the PBX/MLTS and determining from which port the emergency call originated (col. 9 lines 63-67, col. 10 lines 1-30); but he does not teach the following: associating a callback number with each port equipment number, transmitting to a public safety answering point the callback number associated with the port from which the emergency call originated, associating an emergency location identification number (ELIN) and callback number with each port equipment number, transmitting to a public safety answering point the ELIN and callback number associated with the port from which the emergency call originated.

However, Hoskinson teaches the following: associating a callback number with each port equipment number, transmitting to a public safety answering point the callback number associated with the port from which the emergency call originated (col. 3 lines 1-9, col. 9 lines 15-24), associating an emergency location identification number (ELIN) and callback number with each port equipment number, transmitting to a public safety answering point the ELIN and callback number associated with the port from which the emergency call originated (col. 7 lines 18-20, fig. 3 col. 7 lines 56-68, col. 8 lines 1-4, col. 3 lines 1-9, col. 9 lines 15-24).

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Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time invention was made to modify Tanaka's system to provide for the following: associating a callback number with each port equipment number, transmitting to a public safety answering point the callback number associated with the port from which the emergency call originated as this would facilitate the emergency call center operator to callback the telephone number of caller who inadvertently or in the heat of the situation hangs up the calling telephone in order to obtain the location identification information and also in order to dispatch help for emergency caller as taught by Hoskinson , associating an emergency location identification number (ELIN) and callback number with each port equipment number, transmitting to a public safety answering point the ELIN and callback number associated with the port from which the emergency call originated as this arrangement would enable the operator at the emergency response center to dispatch necessary help to the emergency caller as is well known in the art.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Melur Ramakrishnaiah whose telephone number is (703) 305-1461. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 7 AM to 4 PM.

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

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---(5,347,568) to Moody et al. discloses a device for identifying a specific station, among a plurality of geographically dispersed stations represented by a common phone number and serviced by a common PBX, which has initiated an emergency 911 telephone call.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Curtis Kuntz, can be reached on (703) 305-4708. The fax phone number for this Group is (703) 305-9508.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.

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